

RECOGNIZING CHARLES BOSWELL
FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATION
AND SERVICE TO THE CITY OF
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Fort Worth City Manager Charles Boswell. After 30 years with the City of Fort Worth, and just over three years as the City Manager, Mr. Boswell has announced that he will retire in January of 2008.

Mr. Boswell began his career with the City of Fort Worth in 1977 as a Budget Analyst and over the years climbed the ladder to become the city's 21st City Manager in 2004. Under his leadership, Fort Worth citizens approved six bond packages which resulted in more than \$766 million in new streets, parks, libraries, fire stations and other major improvements. These feats repeatedly helped Fort Worth earn honors as one of the best places in the nation to live and work.

Mr. Boswell is credited with introducing innovative financial management strategies that have resulted in a financially solid municipal organization and have been key in reducing the amount of city tax dollars needed for debt service. At the same time, Mr. Boswell built the city's reserve funds to their highest levels to cover emergency needs as they arise.

I have been privileged to have had a city manager in my district who understands what it means for a city to be healthy as a whole. Mr. Boswell's focus and efforts to include "The Other Fort Worth", an area east of I-35 that had been forgotten for decades by some, has planted a seed for revitalization that will benefit Fort Worth and Tarrant County residents for years to come.

Although his tenure as City Manager is officially ending, I know Mr. Boswell will continue to serve Fort Worth as a dedicated citizen and advocate. I join his colleagues, friends and family members in wishing him all the best as he looks forward to spending more time with his family.

Again, Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Charles Boswell for his tireless duties as a dedicated serviceman to the City of Fort Worth, Texas. It is an honor to recognize such a hard-working and devoted citizen. It is the servant leadership of Mr. Boswell, and those like him, which truly makes our nation great.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT
MAJOR BILLY DEAN ONEYEAR

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize SGM Billy Dean Oneyear, who passed away on January 7, 2008. A longtime resident of Fountain, Colorado, Sergeant Major Oneyear was a true servant to his nation and community. I rise today to honor his contribution to our country.

Sergeant Major Oneyear served in the United States Army in both the Korean War and Vietnam conflict. He received numerous

decorations including the Bronze Star. As a veteran, Sergeant Major Oneyear served as national first vice president of the Retired Enlisted Association.

Sergeant Major Oneyear, a ping-pong champion and college football referee, had a vibrant spirit and pursued a variety of interests. He and his family also graciously hosted several Air Force Academy cadets.

Throughout his life, Sergeant Major Oneyear was committed to serving to this great country, whether in the Army or as a veteran helping retirees and veterans. I deeply mourn his passing, and today ask that we honor the life of a true American hero.

HONORING PETTY OFFICER
ALEXANDER LEMARR

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the sacrifice of a fallen hero and Sailor from my district, Petty Officer Alexander "Kip" LeMarr of Parker, Colorado. Petty Officer LeMarr was tragically killed on January 16 when his helicopter crashed on a mission near the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas. He was only 25 years old.

Petty Officer LeMarr joined the Navy in 2004, becoming a qualified aviation warfare system operator. He was assigned to Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 15. He served admirably overseas in Bahrain before returning to the United States to continue his training and service.

Hundreds of sailors and members of the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi gathered on base on January 25th to honor Petty Officer LeMarr and his colleagues. Petty Officer Hector Reyes described LeMarr as a good friend, "Kip was the kind of person that loved to fly," Reyes said.

Americans should never forget his service or sacrifice, and the nation will forever owe a great debt of gratitude to Alexander and his family. His life was a tribute to the best America has to offer.

Madam Speaker, my most heartfelt condolences go out to Alexander's family and friends. He will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TOP 100
BEST COMMUNITIES FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Scottsdale, which was recently honored by America's Promise Alliance, with the designation as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People for 2008. This organization, founded by General Colin Powell, is the largest alliance dedicated to children and youth. Recognition just once is a proud achievement, but this is the third year in a row that the city has been so recognized, and so is deserving of special praise.

This award was not earned by a single entity, but rather from the combined efforts of organizations throughout the city. This recognition would not have been possible without the collaboration of all city departments, the Scottsdale Unified School District, the excellent health care network and outstanding non-profit organizations which serve the youth of the community and contribute to the quality of life in Scottsdale.

America's Promise Alliance evaluates applicants based on Five Promises which have been shown to ensure that children receive the fundamental resources they need to successfully lead healthy and productive lives. These are: caring adults, a safe place, a healthy start, an effective education, and opportunities to help others.

The City of Scottsdale has made a commitment to keeping these promises, and has been justifiably recognized for the effort. I extend my congratulations and thanks for a job well done.

IN RECOGNITION OF RICHARD
MICHAEL "GOOSE" GOSSAGE

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard Michael "Goose" Gossage, on his acceptance into the Baseball Hall of Fame, and to recognize the contributions he has made to my hometown of Colorado Springs and the State of Colorado. In his 22 years in Major League Baseball, this skilled and powerful closer helped to change the way the game was played.

While playing with the Yankees, Gossage, one of the first closers in baseball, pioneered the set-up/closer configuration. He had the most saves in the American League 1975, 1978, and 1980—a record which is still impressive today. In addition, Gossage made 9 All-Star appearances, pitched in 3 World Series, and finished out 681 games.

Not only are his pitching statistics significant, but Gossage has also made a sizable contribution to his community in Colorado. In recognition of Gossage's extensive work in support of youth sports in Colorado, the Gossage Youth Sports Complex located in Colorado Springs was named after him.

Today I honor Richard Michael "Goose" Gossage's achievements, and express my gratitude, as a resident of Colorado Springs, for all he has done for our community. It is with great joy that I hear of his acceptance to the Hall of Fame. I wish him the best as he continues his work on behalf of American youth, Colorado Springs, and the sport of baseball.

HONORING BORDER AGENT LUIS
AGUILAR

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

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Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the sacrifice of Senior Patrol